

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Southside Regional Local Human Rights Committee
Meeting of January 25, 2013

*****FINAL*****

PRESENT

Kathleen Dring, Psy.D., LHRC Chair
Dana Steele, LHRC, Vice Chair
Jennifer Branham, committee member
Hillary Zaneveld, Human Rights Advocate DBHDS
Ronnie Jones, Serenity Living Center
Rose Smith, Finney, Zimmerman Psychotherapy Assoc
Maria Suarez, Family Systems
Susan Wilson, Pendleton Child Services Center
Shawnta Wright, Sarah's Place
Charlene Hoobler, The Barry Robinson Center
James Lassiter, Family Net
Damon Sutton, Paramount Youth Services
Corie Brown, Serenity Living Center
James Lassiter, Healthcare Svs Hampton Rds
Vonda Alston, One Vision & Assoc
Jeffrey Burns, Tidewater Psychotherapy
Sherry Ferebee, Va Support Group, LLC
Karol Cason, Cason Community Behavioral
Linda Bright, Healthcare Services of Hampton Roads

ABSENT

Kenneth Briggs, Sr. committee member
Peggy Lidstrom, Dominion Psychiatric, PLLC-
Turning Point
Angelo Morlino, Vito, Inc.

Kathleen Dring called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. A quorum was present.
Ms. Hillary Zaneveld attending the LHRC meeting on this date. Seven reports were sent in ahead of time for this meeting. Mr. Zaneveld reminded everyone that reports are to be sent in two weeks prior to the meeting date to Denise Henock at dhenock@barryrobinson.org. Ms. Henock will collect and email reports to Mr. Jones and committee members. Reports may also be sent to Mr. Jones at timothy.jones@dbhds.virginia.gov or faxed to (757)253-5440.

2013 Meeting Dates

The remaining meetings for 2013 will be held on the fourth Friday of April, July, and October of 2013. Reminder letters will be sent out prior.

Minutes

Minutes from the November 9, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved with Ms. Steele motioning to approve the minutes and Ms. Branham seconding the motion.

Advocate's Report

Ms. Zaneveld informed members that there was an open position consumer position and asked for their assistance in filling the position.

Ms. Zaneveld discussed information pertaining to the locking of refrigerators.

- OHR and OL have reported finding numerous "locked refrigerators" in group homes. It appears that this has become a common practice. OL and OHR want to make sure that

we are giving consistent guidance regarding the requirements for implementing this type of “restriction”.

- The providers have been asked to develop a behavior treatment plan for the targeted individual. Along with the plan, it is also requested that they include an order for the restriction (time limited), consent from the AR for its implementation, and to present the plan to the LHRC for review and approval (12VAC35-115-250D5). It is also recommended that the LHRC require quarterly updates on the plan, if approved.
- If the locks on the refrigerators will be in place indefinitely, it is also requested that this be included in the **program rules**, which require LHRC approval. In all cases, it is asked that they notify all of the residents and or ARs of the locks on the refrigerators and the reason for them, without identifying the targeted resident. The notice should also outline that access to food and other items in the refrigerator is not limited and staff will open it anytime upon the individual's request, unless item one is in place.

Old Business

Virginia Support Group's handbook was reviewed and the rules were reviewed. Corrections were made and the policies were accepted. Mr. Jennifer Branham moved to accept the policies and Ms. Dana Steele seconded the motion.

Program Reports

1. Pendleton Child Services Center – Sue Wilson reviewed her quarterly report, which indicated 29 clients were served in their residential and day-treatment programs. There were no abuse allegations. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues. Ms. Wilson noted that Mr. James Jack will be representing Pendleton Child Services Center in the future.
2. Tidewater Psychotherapy – 97 clients were served. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
3. Finney, Zimmerman Psychiatric Associates – Rose Smith reported that Finney Zimmerman Psychiatric Associates served 24 adult clients in their intensive outpatient chemical dependency program and relapse prevention program. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
4. Paramount Youth Services – Damon Sutton reviewed the quarterly report.
5. New Life and Family Systems – Maria Suarez reviewed her quarterly report. New Life: There were 2 clients served. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues. Family Systems: Clients served were 21 IIH; 41 MHSS; and 29 TH Day Tx. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
6. Vito Inc. – Angelo Morlino reviewed his quarterly report. His quarterly report indicated they served an average of 72 in-home and day support clients. There were no restraints, and one complaint. Annually, they served 79 in-home and day support clients. There were no restraints and one complaint.
7. Family Net – James Lassiter reviewed the quarterly report which indicated that 18 clients were served in the intensive in-home program. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.

8. Dominion Psychiatric Associates, PLLC-Turning Point- Peggy Lidstrom was unable to attend the meeting; however, the quarterly report indicated they served 12 clients in their Intensive Outpatient Chemical Dependency Program and aftercare program. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
9. Sarah's Place- Shawnta Wright reviewed her quarterly report. There were four clients served. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
10. One Vision and Associates- Currently have no clients. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
11. Health Care Services of Hampton Roads, Inc.- Linda Bright reported that they were providing mental health support to 12 consumers. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues. Annually, they provided mental health support to 12 consumers with no restraints, complaints or seclusions.
12. The Barry Robinson Center – Charlene Hoobler reported that the average monthly census was 49. There were a total of 5 cased to go over in closed session. Ms. Hoobler reported that annually the ADC was 45 with 18 incidents.
13. Serenity Living, LLC – Currently have no clients. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.

New Affiliation Request

Cason Community and Behavioral Services was granted affiliation at this meeting. However, their policies have not been approved. Ms. Cason was asked to contact Mr. Jones regarding corrections to the policies before they can be approved.

Executive Session

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the LHRC enter into an Executive Session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A)4 for the protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business, namely for the purpose of reviewing abuse/neglect allegations for Paramount Youth Services and The Barry Robinson Center.

Exit Executive Session

Upon reconvening into public session, the LHRC unanimously certified to the best of each member's knowledge, only public matters, lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to reconvene this session, the Executive Session, were discussed in the Executive Session.

After reconvening into public session, the Southside Regional Local Human Rights Committee indicated that no recommendations were made regarding any abuse allegations.

There was no public comment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.